



# NORTHAMPTON

This vibrant New England city combines a rich, historic tradition with a modern, cosmopolitan flavor. Author John Villani dubbed Northampton the, "#1 Small Arts Town in America." Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the Downtown offers boutiques, galleries, entertainment, and restaurants in buildings of architectural distinction.

Settled in 1654, Northampton was the site of Jonathan Edwards' Church, where 18th century "fire and brimstone" Puritanism brought about the Great Awakening. The community has enjoyed a rich cultural and educational history as well. The Baroque Academy of Music, constructed in 1890, was the venue for such great performers as Pavlova, Sarah Bernhardt and Houdini. In 1871, Smith College was established, the very first women's college in New England. Calvin Coolidge, who was to become President of the United States from 1923-1929, practiced law and served as Mayor of the City from 1910-1911.

Northampton maintains an attractive mix of industry, retail, culture, service, education and quality of life which has contributed to its becoming a popular place to live and work. The City's major employers include Smith College, the Cooley Dickinson Hospital, the Veterans Medical Center and the Kollmorgan Corporation, a manufacturer of optical instruments and lenses. The Daily Hampshire Gazette, a newspaper with a circulation of 21,000 is also located in Northampton.

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Profiles covering all forty-three communities in the Pioneer Valley Region and a range of other topics are available. The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Regional Information Center provides demographic, economic, and geographic data and services including mapping, research, and analysis to its constituent communities and to the public. Contact the Information Center for additional information.

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## Type of Government:

Mayor, 9 City Councilors

## Transit System:

**Public Carrier** Pioneer Valley Transit Authority, Franklin Regional Transit Authority

**Private Carrier** Peter Pan Bus Lines and Vermont Transit Lines

**Para-Transit Carrier** Council on Aging, PVTA

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## LAND AREA and TAX BASE

Acres	22,840
Square Miles	36

2008	
Vehicle Registrations	26,176
(autos and light trucks)	

2010	
Property Tax Rates	
Residential	\$12.64
Commercial/Industrial	\$12.64

## POPULATION TRENDS

1970	29,664
1980	29,286
1990	29,283
2000	28,968
2009	28,370

## 2010 Race and Latino Population

White	87.4%
Black	2.2%
Asian	3.7%
Other	6.6%
Latino (of any race)	6.3%

Note: Race %s can be greater than 100% because of multiple race persons.

Percent of Population by Age				EMPLOYERS and EMPLOYMENT		2009
Age	1990	2000	2010		Number	Percent of Community Total
0 - 4	4.8	4.1	3.6	Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries	0	0.0%
5 - 9	5.0	4.7	3.3	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	2,135	11.9%
10 - 14	4.6	5.3	3.8	Construction	565	3.1%
15 - 19	8.3	8.1	6.2	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	532	3.0%
20 - 24	12.2	10.3	10.3	Health Care and Social Assistance	5,212	29.0%
25 - 34	17.6	14.1	18.7	Information	356	2.0%
35 - 44	17.0	15.8	11.5	Manufacturing	1,307	7.3%
45 - 54	8.7	16.3	15.2	Services	5,424	30.2%
55 - 59	3.5	4.4	6.7	Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	195	1.1%
60 - 64	3.8	3.3	5.8	Wholesale and Retail Trade	2,252	12.5%
65 - 74	7.5	5.9	6.9			
75 & over	7.1	7.9	8.0	Average Annual Wage	\$835	
LAND USE 2005				WHERE RESIDENTS WORK 2000		RESIDENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE
Total Square Miles			36	51.7%	work in Northampton	Percent
Total Road Miles	2009		183	48.3%	commute out of Northampton	Unemployed
Land Use	Acres			HOUSING PRICES		
Residential			3,338	Year	Number of Sales	Median Sales Price
Commercial			374	2006	444	\$247,750
Industrial			0	2007	405	\$239,500
Urban Open/Public			661	2008	353	\$249,950
Transportation			271	2009	324	\$235,500
Outdoor Recreational			386	2010	342	\$237,250
Agricultural Land			2,751			
Undeveloped Land			13,700			
Water			932			
RECREATION AREAS				EDUCATION		HOUSEHOLD INCOME 2010*
PARKS: Bridge Street Park, Childs Park, Look Park, Sheldon Field, Clear Falls, Fitzgerald Lake, Pulaski Park, Roberts Hill, Rainbow Beach, Agnes Fox Playground, Veteran's Field, Arcanum Field, Maine's Field, Elwell's Island, Shepherd's Island, Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary, Mineral Hills Conservation Area.				Educational Attainment of Persons 25 Years and Older *		
GOLF COURSES: Northampton Country Club, Pine Grove Golf Course.				2010		
OTHER: YMCA, Mt. Tom Boat Launch, Oxbow Marina				Less than 12 years	8.0%	\$0 - \$9,999 8.2%
BIKEWAY: Norwottuck Rail Trail, Northampton Bike Path.				4 years High School	19.9%	\$10,000 - \$14,999 6.2%
				Less than 4 years College	21.5%	\$15,000 - \$24,999 9.5%
				4 or more years College	50.7%	\$25,000 - \$34,999 9.3%
						\$35,000 - \$49,999 14.0%
						\$50,000 - \$74,999 17.7%
						\$75,000 & over 35.1%
						Median Household Income: 2010 \$53,769
						Persons Below Poverty Level: 2000 9.8%
Data Sources: Massachusetts Department of Revenue; Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor & Workforce Development; Massachusetts Department of Education; United States Census Bureau; The Warren Group; Resource Mapping: University of Massachusetts; Applied Geographic Solutions; Local Municipal Offices				District	Grades	Integrated Per Pupil Cost 2009
				Northampton	PK-12	\$11,660
				Smith	9-12	\$17,954
				Vocational		
				Colleges: Smith College		
				*Values for this year are estimates provided by Applied Geographic Solutions		